

that Senate rules must sometimes change. And our proposal today is a limited, carefully tailored step we can take to make the rules of the Senate achieve this body's original purpose.

Finally, there are some who fear the consequences of passing this bill with no support from the other party. I would certainly prefer that Republicans work with us on this issue, and voting rights has always been a bipartisan issue in the past. But we must be honest. We have made many earnest efforts to draft and debate bipartisan legislation that deals with voter suppression, dark money, and partisan gerrymandering, but those efforts by many Members of our caucus have come up with no takers.

The old GOP worked with Democrats on voting rights for decades, but, unfortunately, that is not the case today. In the words of the late Senator Wagner, whose seat I hold, delivered on this floor nearly 80 years ago:

Unity in a democracy is not achieved by side-stepping and ignoring issues. That is false unity. That is only the illusion of unity.

Unity in a democracy is the unity which is achieved by facing issues, by threshing out our differences, and by standing upon the decision of the majority.

Again:

Unity in a democracy is not achieved by side-stepping . . . issues.

Fittingly, he spoke those words in the face of a filibuster on the anti-poll tax legislation.

Tonight, let us sidestep voting rights no more.

The question before the Senate is, How will we find a path forward on protecting our freedoms in this turbulent 21st century? The only choice to move forward on these vital issues is to change the rules in the modest way we have proposed.

My colleagues—my colleagues—history is watching us. Let us choose in favor of our democracy. Let us stand up and defend the precious right to vote.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Mr. President, I move to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5746, the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I make a point of order that for this message from the House, with respect to H.R. 5746, the only debate in order during consideration of the message be on the question of adoption of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House; further, that no further amendments, motions, or points of order be in order and that any appeals be determined without debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Following the rules of the Senate, the

point of order is not sustained as it is a compound motion that would require consent.

APPEALING THE RULING OF THE CHAIR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I appeal the ruling of the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is, Shall the ruling of the Chair stand as the decision of the Senate?

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 10 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Barrasso	Grassley	Risch
Blackburn	Hagerty	Romney
Blunt	Hawley	Rounds
Boozman	Hoeven	Rubio
Braun	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Burr	Inhofe	Scott (FL)
Capito	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Kennedy	Shelby
Collins	Lankford	Sinema
Cornyn	Lee	Sullivan
Cotton	Lummis	Thune
Cramer	Manchin	Tillis
Crapo	Marshall	Toomey
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Daines	Moran	Wicker
Ernst	Murkowski	Young
Fischer	Paul	
Graham	Portman	

NAYS—48

Baldwin	Heinrich	Peters
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Reed
Blumenthal	Hirono	Rosen
Booker	Kaine	Sanders
Brown	Kelly	Schatz
Cantwell	King	Schumer
Cardin	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Carper	Leahy	Smith
Casey	Lujan	Stabenow
Coons	Markey	Tester
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Feinstein	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 48.

The decision of the Chair stands as the judgment of the Senate.

The majority leader.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I withdraw the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the failed cloture vote.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The motion is withdrawn.

Mr. SCHUMER. Now, for the information of the Senate, there will be no further rollcall votes tonight. Senators should expect a rollcall vote at noon tomorrow on the confirmation of Holly Thomas to be the U.S. circuit judge for the Ninth Circuit.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

H.R. 5746

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, before I close the Senate and do that kind of paperwork, I want to just make a few remarks about tonight's vote.

So while tonight's vote was disappointing, it will not deter Senate Democrats from continuing our fight against voter suppression, dark money, and partisan gerrymandering.

With no support from Senate Republicans, many of whom deny the very existence of voter suppression, we faced an uphill battle, but because of this fight, and the fact that each Senator had to show where they stand, we are closer to achieving our goal of passing vital voter protection legislation.

We take inspiration from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He kept fighting for voting rights through every obstacle, and we will do the same. We will not quit.

Now that every Senator has gone on record, the American people have seen who is on the side of protecting voting rights, and it will only strengthen our resolve as we work to ensure that our democracy does not backslide.

This vote is another step forward in the long march for universal voting rights. The Democratic caucus pledges to keep working until voting rights are protected for every American.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 5746

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the House message to accompany H.R. 5746 no longer be the pending business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## MORNING BUSINESS

### TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER BARBER

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, very few people find the time to lead their city's largest law firm, serve on a university's board of trustees, represent their country at the United Nations, and remain active in civic life in their hometown. Even fewer can accomplish these things before the age of 40. But Jennifer Barber of Louisville, KY, has managed to do all this—and more. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jennifer for her recent career milestone and for her years of service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Jennifer, the daughter of Chinese immigrants, grew up working alongside her parents in the family's restaurant, learning to value sacrifice, ambition, and effort. She became the first member of her family to graduate college, earning both her bachelor's degree and juris doctorate from the University of Kentucky. From there, she developed a specialty in tax law, taking her expertise to Frost Brown Todd in 2013 and working her way up the corporate ladder.

Jennifer's professional and academic successes only tell half the story of her remarkable career. She has also dedicated her time, energy, and talent to a range of important Kentucky organizations, from the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, to the Kentucky State Fair Board, to the Kentucky Bar Foundation. In 2020, she took a brief break from her law firm to take her talents to the global stage, serving as a special adviser to the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and a U.S. Delegate to the United Nations where she helped advance American priorities on human rights and foreign aid.

Jennifer's professional accomplishments are so exciting because she achieved them at such a remarkably young age. Jennifer has done incredible work to improve Kentucky and serve our Nation, and I am confident her recent promotion is just the first in a long list of successes yet to come.

Louisville Business First highlighted Jennifer Barber's new role in a recent article. I ask unanimous consent the article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From Louisville Business First, Jan. 18, 2022]

**LOUISVILLE'S LARGEST LAW FIRM NAMES NEW MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**

Jennifer Barber was the first in her family to graduate high school. Now, she's stepping into the member-in-charge role at Frost Brown Todd LLC, the largest law firm in Louisville.

In an interview with Business First last week, Barber, the daughter of Chinese immigrants, recalled working alongside her parents in the restaurant they owned, attributing her belief in the value of sacrifice and hard work to them. She said she saw their determination to provide a greater opportunity for her and her sisters.

"I'm very proud to be the first in my family to graduate from high school and then college and law school, and I say that very humbly. It's not something that I feel is something to pat myself on the back for," she said. "I feel very much like, if not for our great country, which has endless opportunities for people who live here, and my parents being able to immigrate here and to make sacrifices and work hard . . . I wouldn't be able to be now the member-in-charge."

She's been with Frost Brown Todd since 2013. Her focus there has been on tax law, economic incentives and government affairs. She's also taken the lead on the firm's civic and charitable engagement. She took a brief break from her practice to serve as a United States delegate to the United Nations and as a special adviser to U.S. ambassador to Canada Kelly Craft for the 2020 session.

As Barber spoke about each of these roles: the UN, the law firm, the charitable work, and her parents, she kept coming back to the concept of wanting to give back to her community.

As a young attorney, she said she sought opportunities where she'd be able to help people, and she ultimately landed on tax law. She said her work with companies in this field allows her to assist with the city's economic development.

"Part of my civic engagement is to help these companies thrive, because when they thrive, we see that our communities are

thriving," she said. "Our citizens, our residents are employed and through taxes, we fund schools, and we fund fire departments, and we fund libraries . . . I think to the extent that we can spur stronger economic growth in our communities, everything else tends to rise as well."

She completed both her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Kentucky. She served on the university's board of trustees, as well as its athletic committee. (Plus, she's an avid sports fan—specifically cheering for the Wildcats.)

She's also served on the Kentucky State Fair Board, U.S. Bank Advisory Board, Louisville Bar Association Board of Directors, Kentucky Bar Foundation, and American Bar Association Tax Section Executive Committee.

While working with the UN, Barber said her main focus was on foreign policy, human rights and humanitarian assistance. She said it was a humbling experience to serve the country and see firsthand the positive impacts the U.S. has on the rest of the world. She said her background as a daughter of immigrants helped her understand and empathize with others during her work at the UN.

"My family immigrated here from China . . . for me to be able to sit behind that United States placard and deliver remarks on behalf of the United States, it's really one of the greatest honors," Barber said.

At the time of our conversation, Barber had only held the member-in-charge role for about two weeks. She said her mission within the role was for the firm to continue to provide good client service and give back to its communities.

"It's not lost on me that . . . I am minority, and I am a woman, and I'm so pleased to have this role for many reasons," she said. " . . . I just think it's a reflection of our firm and the legal profession as a whole really diversifying leadership and different perspectives."

Barber is taking over the member-in-charge role from Geoff White, who held the position for seven years. White is still working for the firm in other leadership roles, according to a news release on the leadership changes.

The law firm, which has 294 local employees in total and 153 local attorneys according to the most recent LBF research, also announced that member Jason Williams will serve on the executive committee, the firm's equivalent of a board of directors.

**NOTICE OF A TIE VOTE UNDER S. RES. 27**

Mr. BROWN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to print the following letters into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, DC, January 19, 2022.

*To the Secretary of the Senate:*

PN1519, the nomination of David Uejio, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, having been referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee with a quorum present, has vote on the nomination as follows—

1. On the question of reporting the nomination favorably with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed 12 ayes to 12 noes; and

In accordance with Section 3 paragraph (1)(A) of S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, I hereby give notice that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs has not reported the nomination because of a tie vote and ask that this notice be printed in the Record pursuant to the Resolution.

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, DC, January 19, 2022.

*To the Secretary of the Senate:*

PN1523, the nomination of Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, having been referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee with a quorum present, has vote on the nomination as follows—

1. On the question of reporting the nomination favorably with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed 12 ayes to 12 noes; and

In accordance with Section 3 paragraph (1)(A) of S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, I hereby give notice that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs has not reported the nomination because of a tie vote and ask that this notice be printed in the Record pursuant to the Resolution.

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, DC, January 19, 2022.

*To the Secretary of the Senate:*

PN1524, the nomination of Solomon Jeffrey Greene, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, having been referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee with a quorum present, has vote on the nomination as follows—

1. On the question of reporting the nomination favorably with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed 12 ayes to 12 noes; and

In accordance with Section 3 paragraph (1)(A) of S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, I hereby give notice that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs has not reported the nomination because of a tie vote and ask that this notice be printed in the Record pursuant to the Resolution.

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, DC, January 19, 2022.

*To the Secretary of the Senate:*

PN1527, the nomination of James Arthur Jemison II, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, having been referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee with a quorum present, has vote on the nomination as follows—

1. On the question of reporting the nomination favorably with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed 12 ayes to 12 noes; and

In accordance with Section 3 paragraph (1)(A) of S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, I hereby give notice that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs has not reported the nomination because of a tie vote and ask that this notice be printed in the Record pursuant to the Resolution.